

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: March 19, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING CROSSWALKS, ALONG WITH THE NEED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL CROSSWALKS IN NORTH BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Please place on the March 19, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the condition and maintenance of existing crosswalks, along with the need for the installation of additional crosswalks, in North Beach.

Crosswalks are essential for pedestrian safety, traffic efficiency, and community accessibility. Crosswalks provide a designated space for people to cross the street, thereby reducing the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles, and promote a safer, more organized flow of both foot and vehicular traffic. However, without clearly marked crosswalks, pedestrians may attempt to cross at unsafe locations, increasing the risk of collisions, injuries, and/or fatalities.

Beyond safety, crosswalks contribute to the walkability of communities, encouraging people to choose walking as a mode of transportation. This has numerous benefits, including reducing traffic congestion, lowering carbon emissions, and promoting healthier lifestyles. When pedestrians feel confident that they can safely cross streets, they are more likely to walk rather than drive short distances. This, in turn, supports our local businesses and fosters vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods for our City residents.

However, it seems that crosswalks in North Beach are not as pervasive as in other areas of the City. For example, in North Beach, there are various busy intersections and areas (including those surrounding parks, governmental facilities, religious institutions, etc.) at which there is either no existing crosswalk and/or the crosswalk's paint has severely faded.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Administration evaluate the need for the installation, or maintenance, of crosswalks in North Beach (north of 63rd Street and east of Indian Creek/Tatum Waterways) and be prepared to provide the Committee with its findings and recommendations, along with a potential plan for implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

North Beach

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Need for Installation/Maintenance of Crosswalks in North Beach.
(Dominguez/Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

